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The Greenbelt Farmers Market Opens Its 15th Season May 8

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY CARISSA RALBOVSKY

The Farmers Market hopes 2022's vibe will be more like this photo from 2019.

The Greenbelt Farmers Market opens Mother's Day, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot by the Aquatic & Fitness Center and next to the New Deal Café. The usual last-minute rush

is on as organizers prepare the site, corral all the vendors and satisfy county permit requirements and fire regulations. The market runs every Sunday but Labor Day weekend and ends the week-

end before Thanksgiving, with a separate Holiday Market that coincides with Greenbelt's Festival of Lights in early December.

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Covid Medications Available Here for Those at High Risk

by Erica Johns

Supplies of oral Covid medications are increasingly available in Greenbelt for patients who are older or have high-risk conditions, at no cost to consumers. Taking these medications is much easier than those requiring injections or intravenous (IV) infusions. Oral medications include Paxlovid,

for those 12 and older, and Molnupiravir, for those 18 and older. They are intended for persons at an age or with conditions that increase their risk for severe illness, hospitalization and death. (See [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html).)

Locally-owned Demmy's Pharmacy, on Cherrywood Lane across from Beltway Plaza, was highlighted in a New York Times article about increasing Paxlovid availability (see [nytimes.com/2022/04/26/us/politics/paxlovid-test-to-treat.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/26/us/politics/paxlovid-test-to-treat.html)). Because supplies of

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PHOTO BY CAMILA LUCHSINGER

From left, Emilia Loo, Isabel Salvatierra, Leonora Gaschick and Carmina Salvatierra give free flowers to passers-by on Gardenway.

Planning, Community Development Discusses Upcoming Budget Needs

by Matthew Arbach

The Greenbelt Planning and Community Development Department is aiming to increase staff to 2009 levels in order to better fulfill its mission to maintain and grow the city's infrastructure and transit, as well as protect the public health and wellbeing through code inspection. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby and

staff, with Acting City Manager Timothy George, met with the Greenbelt City Council on April 20 at a budget worksession to discuss their financial needs in the upcoming fiscal year. Proposed staff additions include a city planner, a code inspector and an assistant director of Community

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Boyd Develops NASA Program To Increase Diversity, Inclusion

by Destiny Herbers

For Dr. Padi Boyd, an astrophysicist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, the time is now to make changes in STEM higher education to make the field accessible to students from nontraditional backgrounds.

"The pandemic has really put a spotlight on some inequities in our culture and now that we're seeing this light at the end of the tunnel ... we do need to be very mindful that the inequities grew," Boyd said.

Boyd is starting a new temporary assignment at NASA headquarters to develop and direct the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Bridge Program, an initiative to increase diversity and



PHOTO BY NASA GSFC/BILL HRYBYK

Padi Boyd
inclusion in the NASA workforce and the science community.

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Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins to Leave Position

by Matthew Arbach

Economic Development Coordinator Charise Liggins has stepped down. She had her final meeting with the Greenbelt City Council at a budget worksession on April 20. Having started in 2018, and the first to ever hold that position in the city (of which she feels "honored"), Liggins received high praise from council for her tireless work, creative ideas and extensive outreach to the city's businesses. They credited her for helping to maintain stability and even growth in the city's economy throughout the travails of the pandemic, where fresh and innovative approaches were essential. Liggins characterized her departure as bittersweet, but emphasized that she saw "an amazing future for economic development in the city."

Liggins was instrumental in creating a robust communication system among the city's businesses, connecting them to available resources, providing advice on pivoting to new market strategies and creating events like the small business award, all of which council hopes will continue under new leadership. Councilmember Judith Davis called her the



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Charise Liggins
cornerstone of these and future efforts.

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What Goes On

Monday, May 9
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, May 11
7:30 p.m. Budget Worksession (Virtual): Green Ridge House

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to Community

Our first month of April in Greenbelt: A ravishing experience!

Thank you to countless Lakeside neighbors for not mowing their lawns and letting wild plants thrive to provide nectar for insects.

Thank you to Greenbelt Public Works Department and the Advisory Committee on Trees members for this year’s Arbor Day Tree Giveaway: in addition to flowers in the spring, leafy shade in the summer, fruit or seeds in the fall and interesting color and texture in winter, the selected native trees and shrubs are distinctly suitable for attracting pollinators to our yard.

Thank you to Mary Lou Williamson for opening her beautiful Lakeside shade garden which illustrates how planting driven by an evident aesthetic sensibility may be appropriately combined with the garden as habitat – a pesticide-free home for birds, bugs and pollinators.

Finally, thank you to Lakeside neighbors for sharing gardening recommendations, plants and good cheers!

Xavier and
Rebecca Courouble

A Time to Help

Some years ago the citizens of Greenbelt started Green Ridge House. They saw a need to help seniors and disabled folks with limited financial resources have affordable, decent housing here in Greenbelt. The result is a wonderful facility worth far more than it cost to build. There have been numerous attempts to purchase it over the years. Our city government is to be applauded at this essential social service we provide.

There is now a worldwide refugee crisis. Currently, there are over 11 million displaced Ukrainians with homes and cities destroyed. Many thousands are camped at the U.S. southern border. Millions more are seeking refuge from conflict zones all over the world. There is no lack of need among these unfortunate victims of wars and crime.

Greenbelt can help. Like Green Ridge House, we could start a Green Refuge House.

Offer temporary housing to refugees. Many just need a safe place for the short term. Many more need a place to get started while moving toward citizenship and self-sufficiency here in their new home.

This is something we can and should do. If the shoe were on the other foot, we would be grateful to our neighbors for their help in our hour of need.

Frank Gervasi, Chairperson
Greenbelt Refugee Aid Committee

GHI Board Oversight

I read with great interest and concern the recent letter to the editor entitled GHI: What We’ve Lost, by Molly Lester published in the April 28, 2022, edition of the News Review. As a resident of GHI since 2002, I have witnessed many changes over the years. Some for the good and some for the not so good.

The board’s proposal to amend the bylaws to allow contracts up to \$15,000 to be approved with one reading only, rather than the standard two readings, is somewhat concerning to me. Contracts that are discussed and approved in closed sessions provide no transparency to the membership. The submission of this proposal by the board demonstrates the continuing progress toward greater lack of transparency. In addition, over the years there seems to be a growing lack of interest of the membership as it relates to oversight of the board. This lack of interest over the years can serve to promote malfeasance by long-standing members within the cooperative.

Another issue that comes to mind relates to whom the board is relying on for guidance. While it can be helpful for the board to exchange information with other cooperatives as it relates to operational objectives, the main focus should be on working with the membership to foster greater cooperation.

In order to better serve its membership, the board should strive to consider the needs and desires of the entire membership and not limit this interaction to a select few.

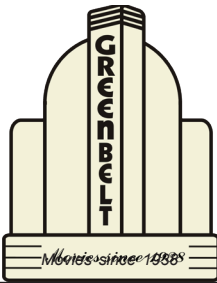
Quiet complicity may ultimately result in the board having a greater ability to achieve their

own agenda. Membership can and must take a greater interest as it relates to the functioning of our cooperative by attending meetings and volunteering for board and committee assignments. I applaud the ongoing efforts of Lester to bring issues regarding actions of the board to the attention of the general membership.

Scott Legendre

Correction

The April 28 issue of the News Review ran an ad giving the incorrect date for the Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale. The sale will take place this Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Roosevelt Center parking lot. The correct date was given in the story on page 3.



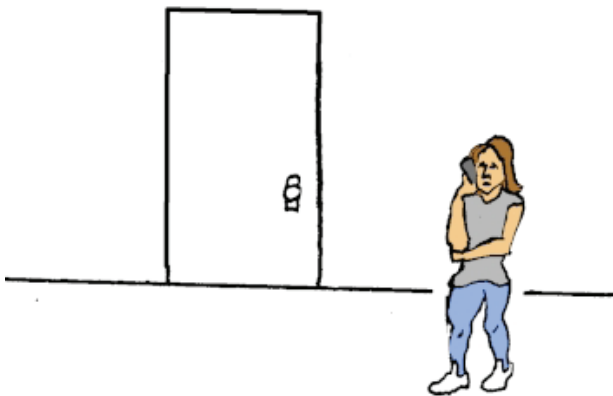
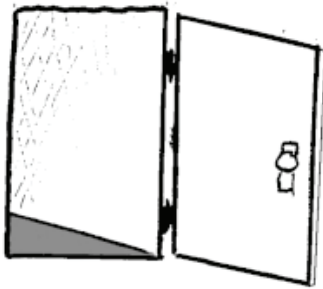
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PETE REPPERT



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On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Petite Maman

(In French with subtitles)

Following the death of her beloved grandmother, 8-year-old Nelly accompanies her parents to her mother’s childhood home to begin the difficult process of cleaning out its contents. As Nelly explores the house and nearby woods, she is immediately drawn to a girl named Marion, a neighbor her own age who happens to be building a treehouse. What follows is a tender tale of childhood grief, memory and connection.

Rated PG, running time 72 minutes

The Automat

Before fast food, there was something even better. Iconic, elegant and populist all at once: the Automat (aka Horn & Hardart) revolutionized American dining a century ago. Joseph Horn and Frank Hardart operated the first food service automats in Philadelphia and New York City. The restaurant chain was well known in the U.S. for serving food out of a vending machine for a nickel. The Automat became a gathering place for all, filled with communal tables for people to share their lives, their struggles and their dreams with each other. Debut filmmaker Lisa Hurwitz collages rare artifacts, images and memorabilia (including personal photos and deeply affectionate stories from former employees and the founding family) to create a love letter to the New York many still remember.

Not Rated, running time 79 minutes

Community Events

Writers Group Meets May 20

For the first time in two years, the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will hold an in-person meeting. The meeting will be Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

The third Friday of the month has been the traditional GWG meeting time. All members and interested writers are invited to attend to discuss future plans for the group. For the moment, masks will be required.

Community Service Hours at Green Man

There is still time to sign up and volunteer for the Green Man Festival this weekend. To participate write to us at stonesoupchef@live.com. Or go to website Greenmanfestival.org and click on the Participate tab and then the Volunteer tab. There are still good volunteer slots available.

CHEARS, the group putting on the event, is a 501(c)(3) community nonprofit, and can offer community service hours for high school students looking to add to their numbers. Students who sign up to help will receive a certificate at the end of the day for the hours contributed. Collect a few hours or as much as eight hours a day if interested.

Greenbelt PORCH, Meeting Needs

The harsh realities of inflation and the high prices at the pump are forcing some fellow Greenbelters to visit the St. Hugh Food Pantry for the first time. Greenbelt PORCH continues to support the Food Pantry through donor generosity. It's as important as ever to assist struggling neighbors – year-round, not only at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Those who live in neighborhoods without a monthly food drive (see the schedule below) can help through P.A.L. (PORCH At Large). To participate, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com with the address by noon on Sunday, May 15 and leave the donation by the front door marked RUAK or PORCH visible from the street.

Ensure donated items use has not expired.

Here is the May pick-up schedule:

Sunday, May 8: by 11 a.m., 1-8 Courts Ridge, 1-8 Courts Crescent and 1-2 Courts Westway.

Sunday, May 15: between 2 and 4 p.m. for all of Boxwood Village and P.A.L. members; between 3 and 6 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Saturday, May 21, between 9 and 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill Road.

Sunday, May 22, by 3 p.m. in the Woodland Hills neighborhood; by 4 p.m. for the 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Homeschoolers Meet For Fun and Games

Join Homeschoolers for field day games and playground fun, weather permitting, at the playground at Ivy and Lastner Lanes. Bring a brown bag lunch, water, blanket, chair, ball, Frisbee, etc. Consider bug spray and sunscreen, and don't forget to check for ticks after playtime. Organized by Li'l Dan 240-643-3768; dceldran@hotmail.com.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Health and Safety

Face masks continue to be required at county libraries for everyone ages 2 and up. The Library appreciates customers' assistance with maintaining a safe environment for children who are not yet eligible for Covid-19 vaccines and for customers and staff who have high risk for Covid-19.

Note that the Library has resumed presenting outdoor programs by the upper level entrance, weather permitting.

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) commemorates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month during May and now offers another method of earning student service learning (SSL) hours via the new VolunTEEN program. For further details regarding PGCMLS services and programs, contact Nicholas Brown, COO for Communication and Outreach.

Events

Dr. Julie Park: Asian Americans and the Model Minority Myth, Tuesday, May 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Park speaks on the origins of the model minority myth and how it is perpetuated today. She explores how this myth masks the diversity and needs of the Asian and Pacific American community. This virtual program is for teens and adults.

The following events will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Register online to attend.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesdays, ages 3 to 5, 12:15 p.m.; Thursdays, ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m. Come for stories, songs, finger-plays and more.

Teen Action Group. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area and make your voice heard.

Greenbelt Park Holds Open House Saturday

Come discover Greenbelt Park on Saturday, May 7.

The day begins at 4 p.m. with a live animal exhibit by Wild World of Animals, followed by a musical performance by Mariachi Aquila International DC at 5 p.m.

Junior ranger activities, including how to set up a tent and trail walks, will be available at 6 p.m. The celebration concludes with the movie The Long, Long Trailer starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz beginning at 8 p.m. For information, call 301-344-3944 or visit nps.gov/gree.

Golden Age May Activities

In May, the Greenbelt Golden Age Club will have two in-person meetings at Schrom Hills Park. On May 11, there is an ice cream social. On May 25, there will be an arts workshop, also at the park. Mary Ann Lipovsky will demonstrate how to make alcohol ink abstract greeting cards and greeting cards will be made to take home. On May 18, there will be a Zoom meeting to celebrate May birthdays.

All meetings are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. To join the Golden Agers email list or to obtain Zoom information, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltnmd.gov.

Society Will Host Star Party Saturday, May 7

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, May 7 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see the moon and a number of the many galaxies currently high in the sky, viewed through our observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, whether ASG members or not. Visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at around 9 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. Per current county Covid guidance, masks are not required. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Tour of Composting Sites at Green Man

On Saturday, May 7, at 1 p.m., join composter Danny Lewis at the Green Team table at the Green Man Festival. Walk along with Danny for an "As the Worm Turns" tour of the red wiggler worm condos on the loading dock of the New Deal Café and the hot composting station alongside the Aquatic Center, two interesting and specialized ways of diverting food waste from the landfill, where it would otherwise produce methane, a greenhouse gas.

These efforts, by a group of volunteers dubbed The Wigglers, diverted over 4,000 pounds of food waste from the Co-op grocery in 2021, and produced about 400 pounds of vermicompost, a soil amendment super-charged by worm castings.

Lewis will explain the composting processes that happen in Roosevelt Center, and how these composting methods cycle organic waste from yuck to a microbe-boosted additive for blooms, bulbs and vegetable gardens, especially good for the spring planting season.



Garden Club Sale Returns to Greenbelt

On Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Beltsville Garden Club's (BGC) spring plant sale will, for the second year, be held in Greenbelt. BGC's decades-long tradition of spring sales at High Point High School has been trumped by Greenbelt enthusiasm and location.

Last spring was, with Covid safety at the forefront, a challenging time to change locations. Generations of area gardeners had planned their spring plant shopping around BGC sales at High Point. The Greenbelt venue, so spacious and convenient with food options, restrooms and ample parking, justified the move. Crowds of masked customers came out – long-timers with sharp eyes for rare plants mingling with and advising homeowners hoping to transform a scruffy yard into a garden refuge.

The location is behind the New Deal Café, in the same parking lot used for the farmers market on Sundays. Adjacent parking is plentiful.



Passport Hours At the Library

Passport acceptance service hours at the Greenbelt Library are: Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting pgmls.info/passport-services. All applicants regardless of age must be present at their appointment and families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each applicant.

Green Man Festival Featured Songwriters

Two well-known songwriters will grace the stage at this year's Green Man Festival. Tom Prasada-Rao has been a traveling musician for over three decades, has 11 albums recorded and teaches songwriting. His song 20 Dollar Bill about the death of George Floyd caught the attention of musicians worldwide and has been covered by over 60 musical acts in 11 countries. In 2020, he also wrote The Year of Losing Things that summed up what most were feeling during the early days of the pandemic. Prasada-Rao's voice is entrancing and his words inspirational. He performs Sunday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m.

Mike Elosh, who frequently played at the New Deal Café in the early days, has a very earthy, rootsy songwriting style that is similar to John Prine and Bob Dylan. His song Forgiven is from the voice within all who seek a new start. Elosh writes many of his songs while out on long walks with his dog. He performs at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 8.


All lovers of good song will be entertained this weekend.

Chalk Talk Returns

Come join in Friday evening after 7 p.m., May 6, to kick off the Green Man Festival weekend by transforming the Roosevelt Center Plaza into walkable art, fleeting but delightful. Every child, and those who still hold one inside, are welcome to join in for that evening and the two days of the festival. Sidewalk chalk will be provided all weekend. Free expression encouraged.

ERHS Hosts Walk To Cure Arthritis

To support the 2022 Walk to Cure Arthritis, participate in Rock the Walk/Prince George's County on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. To register or donate, visit walktocurearthritis.org/pgcounty.






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Obituaries

Peter Renzi



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“Petey” Renzi is sardonic in a swashbuckling costume.

Peter Rocco Renzi, a son of Greenbelt, died peacefully on Monday, April 25, 2022, of complications from muscular dystrophy at his home in University Park. He was 39 years old.

Peter, known as “Petey” by those closest to him, spent his early years in Greenbelt, growing up in a GHI home in the 34 Court of Ridge Road with his mom, Marie, and sisters Nicole and Mary. He was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the age of 5. He was in a wheelchair at 9 years old. That is where the projection of the disease and the trajectory of his life diverged.

The family had been told that he would be in a wheelchair by 8 and dead by his early 20s. He outlasted all the odds. As he would later write in a song: “Doctors seem to know everything, but I’m still alive.”

Petey had a special relationship with the local firefighters, who took him under their wing and invited him to their fundraising softball tournament as the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Goodwill Ambassador.

He attended MDA Summer Camp year after year where he enjoyed the dances, talent night and just goofing off with his cabin mates and camp counselors.

At an early age, influenced by his older sisters and their friends – especially Jenny, Sarah and Lisa Meetre – he developed a passion for hardcore and punk music that stayed with him throughout his life. His friendships from an early age also lasted a lifetime, including Jason Peltz, Eugene Askew, Raf Leyva and fellow Greenbelt native Nick Gervasi. He was the best man at two weddings, where he delivered moving and amusing toasts, and at one point was engaged to be married himself.

He graduated from high school in 2000 and went on to college at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina, until health is-

sues brought him home to stay in his junior year.

Petey was a poet, songwriter and singer. He slammed poetry at many an open mic in the area and formed a band with his friends, which (under the direction of Greenbelt local legend, Chris Colvin) performed at several venues.

As the years passed, Petey’s creative pursuits expanded. He wrote and recorded songs, some of which he performed in a garage band. He developed a taste for horror films and his musical tastes expanded to include, among other things, video game soundtracks. In the last year or so of his life, he amassed an impressive collection of record albums and movies and a state-of-the-art record player.

The fullness of his life is perhaps best illustrated by Petey’s last weekend in this world. His friend Raf spent the weekend and the two of them, together with his old friend Eugene, stayed up late to play video games. On Sunday night, he went out to dinner with his parents and his sister Nicole and her family at one of his favorite restaurants, Franklins Brewery in Hyattsville.

Back at home that night, he watched an episode of The Walking Dead with his stepfather, a near-nightly passion for the two of them, and then, on his own, a Twitch player he admired. It was a great end to a great weekend and a “so-Petey” end to a great life.

Petey is survived by his mother Marie Hite Pichaske; father Peter Joseph Renzi; sister Nicole Renzi Roder; stepdad Pete Pichaske; and stepsister Lindsay Pichaske. He is also survived by nieces and nephews Emma, Sophia, Raymond and Gianni Roder and Max and Hannah Wilson, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Mowatt Church Hosts Labyrinth, Sale May 7

Saturday, May 7 is World Labyrinth Day. The theme is Walk as 1. Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church invites all to take a moment for quiet meditation to celebrate this wonderful world. The Mowatt labyrinth, located just above the Little Free Library at 40 Ridge Road, was designed to allow walkers to gather their troubles and worries as they walk in. When walkers reach the center circle, they look up and give their cares to the cross. Be grateful for they are wonderfully made. Then move freely out of the labyrinth and enjoy the rest of the day.

Afterward, come around the corner for the Mowatt yard sale, on from 9 a.m. to noon. The sale includes make-a-Mother’s-Day-card, baked goods, costume jewelry, candles, beach towels, beach bags, fragrances and lotions, collectibles and books. Plus, volunteers will gift-wrap any Mother’s Day purchases.

The money raised by the yard sale will be used for two purposes. First, to support the church’s missionary, Katherine Zevallos, serving orphans and needy children and their families in Colombia. Second, to assist the church’s partner, the BSA Venture Crew, with purchasing camping equipment and funding summer activities. BSA Venture Crew is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America for males and females aged 14 to 20 (or 13 if they have completed the 8th grade). Youth and advisors meet on set schedules and plan activities and events for youth.

To rent table space, call 301-474-9410 and leave a number to receive a return call. Set-up begins at 8 a.m.

In case of inclement weather, the yard sale will move indoors to the Fellowship Hall. Enter through the white doors on the Ridge Road side of the building. Masks are required and social distancing is in place if the yard sale moves indoors.



PHOTO BY JOHANNA GODERRE

One of Co-op's potted lilies with tulips and hyacinth in the background

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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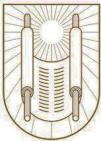
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City Information & Events

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations
Police Week Proclamation
Public Works Week
Older American Month
Public Hearing
* **Minutes of Council Meetings**
Administrative Reports
* **Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Appointment to Advisory Board
* Reappointment to Advisory Board/Committees
* Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR MAY 9-13

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 pm, **Raftelis ARPA Discussion (in-person)**

Wednesday, May 11 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2022, Ped/Bike Budget Recommendations, New Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - GREEN RIDGE HOUSE - VIRTUAL**

Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Welcome, Introductions, & Community Pledge, Council Referrals to CRAB, Return to In-Person Meetings, Meeting Minutes, CRAB Ear to the Ground, New CRAB Topics, Other Topics/Issues to Cover, Adjourn*

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building immediately following the virtual Green Ridge House Budget Work Session: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction; 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

**The public may attend the virtual Greenbelt Work Session prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of the City Council to move into closed session on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022.*

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk


COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
- ARTS ADVISORY BOARD
- BOARD OF ELECTIONS
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
- GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
- PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
- YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (301) 474-8000

GREENBELT RECREATION 2022 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Greenbelt Recreation's 2022 Summer Camp Guide has been posted! Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for more information



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 6.35%, from \$2,248,050,638 to \$2,390,877,414.
2. If the City of Greenbelt, Maryland maintains the current tax rate of \$0.8275 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 6.35%, resulting in \$1,181,892 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7781, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.8275 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 6.35% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$1,181,892 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Thursday, May 12 | 7 pm

Virtual presentation on VA Benefits and Caregiver Support Program.

Register at: tinyurl.com/54fbwujc

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*THESE SEASONAL SUMMER POSITIONS OFFER EMPLOYMENT FROM MID-JUNE THROUGH LATE AUGUST. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON JOB OPENINGS AND APPLICATION DETAILS VISIT: WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV/JOBS

LIFE GUARDS, POOL MANAGERS, AQUATIC INSTRUCTORS, CUSTOMER SERVICE POSITIONS, PERSONAL TRAINERS, ART INSTRUCTORS & ASSISTANTS

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING

To be held during the Regular Meeting of Council

Monday, May 9, 2022

7:30 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022.

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged.

All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

2022 GREENBELT JOB FAIR

Saturday, May 7
10 am - 12 pm
Beltway Plaza
(Near TJ Maxx)

Join us for the Greenbelt Spring Job Fair! Learn about the latest job opportunities, connect with local employers, and get access to a variety of employment resources and training.

For more information visit: greenbeltmd.gov

CITY WELCOME PACKETS

The City Welcome Packet is back!!! We're looking for volunteers to help package and stuff bags full of materials from local businesses, non-profits, and the City for all of our new Greenbelt residents.

When? May 13 from 12 - 3 pm

Where? Greenbelt Municipal Building, located at 25 Crescent Road

For more information, contact Chondria Andrews at candrews@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2026.

Council and Luminis Health Debate Development Issues

by Cathie Meetre

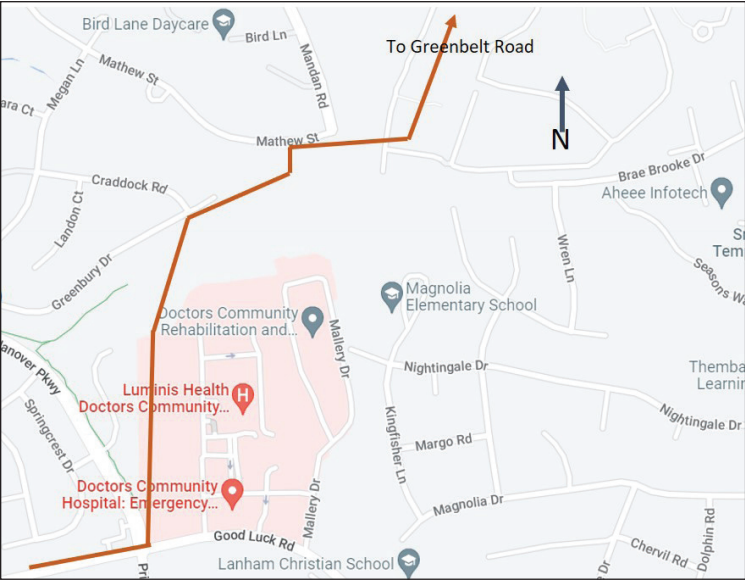
In the Greenbelt City Council meeting of Monday, April 25, council and a team from Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center engaged in a detailed discussion on plans for new facilities at the hospital that include an ongoing extension to the rehabilitation unit, an ongoing new behavioral health in- and out-patient unit, a new acute care facility (including obstetrics) and a new parking garage. Given the facility’s 40-acre location adjacent to the border of Greenbelt – although not within it – and as it is the city’s nearest hospital, Councilmember Judith Davis noted that the city was proud and appreciative of the hospital and shared in its desire to improve and extend the services provided.

The application currently before Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is a plan of subdivision, not a building permit request and doesn’t specify future development. It is to rationalize multiple separate lots into a single entity. The application then goes to the county Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE). Although the agenda item was a recommendation for council to support Luminis in this application, council will be sending a letter to Luminis to detail the conditions under which the city will offer support.

Because of changes in zoning regulations, the Luminis subdivision application is essentially an automatic approval, as the hospital already owns all the parcels within the designated area. The parcels were acquired piecemeal over the years and will be amalgamated into a single entity for planning purposes. The city raised no objections to this plan. However, the additional detail provided to the city by Luminis about its development plans sparked a spirited debate on the impact of development, even though the application in question does not specifically request it.

City Planner Holly Simmons presented information from Luminis that included downstream plans, with this first proposed three-year phase of development including 160,000 square feet of new space and a loop road as the precursor to a 20-year plan involving 600,000 square feet to be built. The hospital has already secured county funding for some aspects of its plan and doesn’t anticipate difficulty in getting certificates of need required to operate its new facilities. (There is a lack of obstetrics and behavioral services in the county.)

These plans energized council, which was concerned by several interrelated issues. New buildings on the site, roads within and connecting to the site and the impact on trees – and by extension, surrounding neighborhoods. Davis noted that although the city had held a worksession with Luminis in February, there was at the time no mention of the parking garage or any new buildings that weren’t previously foreseen. She remarked, “At no time at that worksession was it mentioned that you were going to put in a parking garage and additional buildings” and used the word “blindsided” to describe her reac-



The city boundary (brown line) along Hanover Parkway nicks the western edge of the Doctors Medical Center property before heading north and west to intersect Greenbelt Road just west of NASA's main entrance.

tion to the additional information.

Luminis attorney Matthew Tedesco was point person for Luminis. He first addressed landscaping and explained that although over 8.5 acres of the original 12.19 acres of woodlands on the site would be cut down, ultimately the amount of forested area would increase with plantings on the other side of Pepco’s easements, and also as a result of foresting rights of way associated with roads that the city and Luminis both agree should not be built. The assurance was given by Tedesco that two rights of way, of concern to the city and residents at the meeting, were not planned to be developed; these would have provided connections among Mandan Road, Brae Brooke Drive and Hanover Parkway. The trees on these rights of way are not counted in the survey – but with the right of way and development off the table, some would become part of the forested area.

Mayor Emmett Jordan countered that the impact of replacing mature trees with evergreens, as suggested by Tedesco on behalf of Luminis, would not replace what the neighborhoods had lost. He was concerned that the trees planted would look good for a while but not thrive and Davis noted that planting a monospecies like evergreens did not give rise to a sustainable woodland

and would encourage invasives. Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that the planned loop road was higher than the trees that would be planted to shield it and that noise from trucks and sirens would therefore impinge on surrounding neighborhoods.

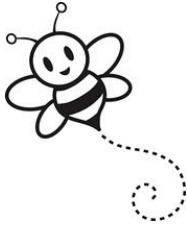
Luminis representatives noted that it was a legal requirement that they sustain the plantings and that not doing so would put them in contravention of their permit.

Concerns were raised about increased traffic and the ability of the road system to handle it. Tedesco and his team replied that traffic analyses were already underway, and Mallory Place and Good Luck Road were to have a traffic light as a result, with some additional turn-lane improvements planned for the near future. Additional information on expected employment and patient traffic was promised to council. Jordan was concerned that there appeared to be no plans for transportation alternatives and that the solution was building more parking spaces.

Speaking online, local residents living on Greenbury Drive expressed concerns about construction noise, lights and pollution. Tedesco assured them that apart from observing regulations on these items, the hospital itself had the same concerns: with vulnerable people in its buildings, it

See LUMINIS, page 11

Artful Afternoon



Leonard Frank, age 4 (above) and his sister Alice, age 5 (right) from Riverdale, pose by the weathergrams they made at the Artful Afternoon at the Community Center on Sunday, May 1.

- Photos by Anne Gardner



From left, artists Jessica Damen and Pamela Phillips, Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald and Councilmember Kristen Weaver attend the Community Center Art Gallery reception on Sunday, May 1. Other local artists also exhibited their work throughout the Community Center on that day.

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Museum Holds In-person Lecture on Women of WWII

by Haley Kerby

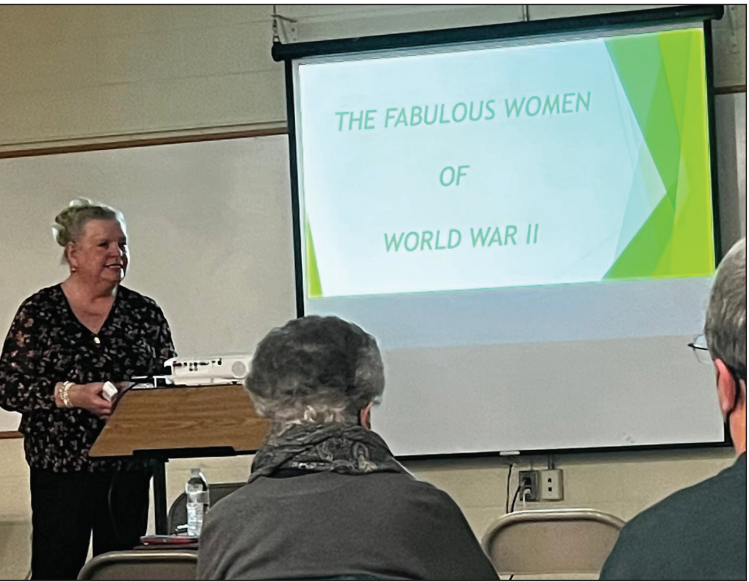


PHOTO BY HALEY KERBY

Donna Peterson speaks in the multipurpose room of the Community Center during the Greenbelt Museum lecture on women during World War II.

Greenbelters joined together in person on Thursday, April 21 to enjoy Donna Peterson’s presentation on Women of World War II. Hosted by the Greenbelt Museum and held in the Community Center, this was the first in-person lecture to take place since the Covid-19 pandemic began.

Peterson is originally from New York. Her father was in the military and the family moved to Greenbelt in 1959. Peterson has been a docent at the Greenbelt Museum for years. She noted that her interest and previous lectures on women of the Civil War inspired her to create a presentation about the women of World War II. She presents to women’s groups across Maryland and Virginia, as well as at museums.

Peterson outlined over 50 women who helped the World War II efforts in one way or another. She started with Eleanor Roosevelt’s upbringing and engagement in the war and with the town of Greenbelt. “There isn’t enough space or time to praise Mrs. Roosevelt,” Peterson noted.

“During World War II, women served in many positions in direct support of military efforts. Military women were excluded from combat positions, but that didn’t keep some from being in harm’s way. Some nurses in or near combat zones or on ships, for instance, were among those killed in action.”

Peterson moved between different categories of women, including Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Services, known as the WAVES; the Women’s Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, known as the WAFS; the Women’s Army Corps, known as the WAC, and even Hollywood stars that helped with the war efforts.

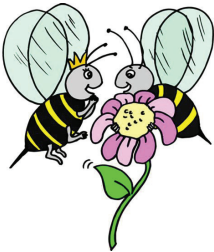
Among these women was Susan Ann Cuddy, the first female gunnery officer in the U.S. Navy and the first female Asian American to join the Navy. Carmen Contreras-Bozax was also highlighted, noting her accomplishments as the first Hispanic woman to serve in the WAC.

Frances Wills was noted as the first of 72 black women to join the newly-formed U.S. Naval Reserves during the World War II. Nancy Harkness Love earned her pilot’s license at the age of 16. During the war, Love set up a group of female pilots to ferry aircraft from factories to airbases, which led to the creation of the WAFS unit.

Elaine Harmon was one of the many Maryland women mentioned in the lecture. Born in Baltimore, Harmon served at Nellis Air Force Base, training men to fly different aircraft; she received the Congressional Gold Medal for her service as a pilot during World War II.

Peterson concluded her lecture with a Q&A, allowing the audience to ask questions not only about the presentation but also about Peterson’s life and other works.

The Greenbelt Museum plans to hold additional lectures in the coming months. A reopening event for the Museum is being planned for the first weekend in June. People will be able to freely walk through the museum again, and then later the Museum will move to reserved, ticketed entry. More information on these events will be posted at Greenbeltmuseum.org.



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Council Urged to Install More EV Charging Stations

by Matthew Arbach



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

The electric vehicle charging station next to the Municipal Building

Councilmember Rodney Roberts cautioned about the high cost and extensive use of expensive resources in EV construction, with the process itself being harmful to the environment. He also said that a portion of the electricity used comes from fossil fuel sources.

Greenbelt resident Wyatt Wilson concurred and pointed out the current high purchase costs means a large portion of the public cannot afford EVs. Wilson urged council to put much more emphasis on bike and pedestrian infrastructure and bus usage as more prudent and doable goals, characterizing the end dates of gas-powered vehicle construction as “ludicrously late.”

Green ACES agreed that there were drawbacks, but stressed that the advantages of EVs still make them highly preferable to internal combustion vehicles in almost every way.

There are three types of EV charging stations: a 120-volt Level One, which can be achieved from a normal outlet and delivers

4 to 5 miles per hour of charge; the 240-volt Level Two, which can provide up to 30 miles from an hour of charge, making them ideal for home charging overnight and during the workday; and the DC Fast Charger (the most expensive), which can provide 100 miles in an hour of charge, making them best for long-distance travel, and optimally situated near highways and interstates.

The Green ACES report lays out a plan to install mostly Level Two chargers or their power infrastructure in the city’s facilities, and in residential and commercial areas. Green ACES advises that this effort be made part of the construction plans of new city development and that the permitting process be standardized for greater efficiency.

A discussion on the efficacy of charging stations at hotels was much discussed, allowing guests to charge overnight, offering an incentive for choosing lodging. At present, no Greenbelt hotels have

See EV CHARGING, page 11

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2022 GHI Election: May 12–13

Check your Email!

GHI has contracted GetQuorum to host the 2022 annual meeting and online portion of the election. GetQuorum has sent emails to all GHI member addresses on file, with a registration link for the May 12 Annual Meeting.

Check your inbox(es) and spam folders for a message sent from notices@getquorum.com

If you plan to join the online meeting or vote online and *don't* find this email, you must update your contact email address(es). See <http://ghi.coop/election> or E-News for a link to the online form, or contact the Member Services department.

If you plan to attend the meeting in person, complete the "In Person Registration Form" in the Annual Meeting packet mailed to every member.

Path	Prerequisite	Where & When	Method
1. Absentee	Cast Board & Audit Committee ballot before annual meeting	GHI Office During office hours May 6, 9, 10	Submit absentee ballot application at GHI Office, then immediately vote on paper ballot
2. Online (preferred)	Your email address must be on file with GHI, and you cannot register for the Youth Center	GetQuorum website After meeting Thursday May 12 until noon Friday May 13	Secure personalized link from GetQuorum on your computer or smartphone
3. Youth Center	Limited capacity, register in advance using form provided in meeting announcement	Youth Center Immediately after annual meeting	Paper ballot
4. In Person at GHI	Not registered to vote using any other method	GHI Office 4–8pm Friday May 13	Paper ballot

Choose your path to vote!

The May 12 annual membership meeting sign-in opens 7:00pm for the 7:30pm meeting; members can participate online or in person. The election for Board and Audit Committee begins when the meeting goes into recess; members can cast ballots online or in-person.

Please see the official meeting announcement mailed to every member for more information.



Candidates for GHI Election

The following GHI members have formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected, and provided these biographical sketches to the Nominations & Elections Committee. GHI Members will elect Nominations & Elections Committee members during the annual meeting. The separate election for Board of Directors and Audit Committee will be held by ballots cast online and in-person, described in the graphic above. Board members are elected to staggered 2-year terms. There are 5 open Board positions this year, with the top 4 vote recipients elected to 2-year terms, and the recipient of the 5th highest vote count elected to a 1-year term to fill an appointed vacancy. Next year, 5 board members will be elected to 2-year terms.

Board of Directors
(5 of 9 positions up for election:
four complete 2-year terms
plus one 1-year term to fill a mid-term board-appointed vacancy)

Stefan Brodd
2 Westway

I have been a member of GHI since 1999, and a resident of Greenbelt since 1981. I was elected to the Board of Directors in 2016, serving first as Vice-President and now as President. I have chaired, served as Board liaison, or served on a number of committees and task forces, including Member Outreach, Legislative and Government Affairs, Zoning, Transition, and Maglev. Professionally I am a musician serving two American and three Nordic churches, and collaborating with my husband Christopher Cherry in musical programs for the City of Greenbelt and other area organizations; in a previous career I worked at NASA–Goddard Space Flight Center in software development and data analysis. I have served as a board member and volunteer for several non-profit organizations. I am committed to cooperative ideals and, in particular, to their living embodiment in GHI.

Chuck Hess
42 Ridge

Chuck Hess has lived in GHI for over 30 years. He is a CPA specializing in Income Taxation. He has been active in GHI, being elected to both the Audit Committee and Board of Directors and serving on the Buildings, Finance, Investment, A&E and many other Committees. He has chaired both the Finance, and the Investment Committee.

He has served on the Board of Directors for 29 years, 17 of them as Treasurer and the Audit Committee for two years.

He served on the Board of Directors and the Building Committee through HIP and is looking towards the upcoming Plumbing replacement program. He is interested in seeing that it is done professionally with as little disruption as possible to our daily lives.

His knowledge and efforts in revising GHI's Investment policy has earned millions in extra income over the prior practice.

He believes that GHI is among the best co-ops in the world, and that his experience and knowledge will help the co-op maintain high standards for providing an honest, well-run, efficient, and compassionate home for all its members.

Ed James
56 Crescent

Ed has been an active GHI member since 1977, serving as a Director for 16 years and Board Secretary for 14 years. He has experience on the Bicycle, Buildings, Finance, Investment, Long Range Planning, Woodlands, and other Committees, as well as on various Task Forces and Subcommittees. He is currently involved with the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (Director/President), the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (Director/Treasurer) and the Greenbelt Community Garden Club (hobby).

Ed previously served as GHI Treasurer and a GHI Audit Committee Member, and has been a Greenbelt Jaycees Treasurer, Greenbelt CPR Instructor, Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative Co-founder/Director, New Deal Cafe Director and Audit Committee member, a member of Green ACES and an Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair.

His educational and professional backgrounds are heavily scientific and technical, involving computer software development, environmental research, facilities management, payroll and personnel systems, database development and management, internet backbone support, and technical writing.

One of Ed's major recent projects was heavy

involvement with the GHI Homes Improvement Program, working on the planning and implementation of both the pilot project and the main project. Ed has also been involved with the planning of upcoming programs, such as the proposed WSSC pipe replacement program (a "work in progress"), and future replacement programs for some electrical and plumbing systems. Ed works to keep costs down while keeping our Co-op on solid footing financially and physically. One of his hopes is to help develop a GHI-owned and operated network system to enhance internal communications among members.

Debbie McKinley
55 Ridge

My husband and I have lived in GHI since 2009. We very much enjoy the community spirit in GHI as well as garden-like setting. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors (BoD). I am also the Chair of the Stormwater Management Subcommittee and serve as the Board Liaison for the Buildings Committee and Communications Committee. In the past I was a member of the Water and Sewer Pipe Replacement Task Force.

My education and career are in environmental engineering, including wastewater treatment and hazardous waste cleanup. As part of my career and tenure with

the BoD, I have developed skills in teamwork, problem solving, and communication. I believe my skills and attention to detail have made me a valuable member of the BoD and I would like to continue my service for another 2-year term.

I am excited by the new energy brought to the BoD by the Directors elected last year and wish to continue working in this invigorated environment. I hope you are pleased with my performance on the BoD to date and will support my reelection to another term.

James Whipple
14 Hillside

My name is James Whipple and I represent the heart of Greenbelt.

As a lifelong Marylander, growing up in Lanham and spending ample amounts of time in Greenbelt, I am directly in tune with the desires of our community. After graduating from University of Maryland College Park with a Mechanical Engineering degree, I moved to Greenbelt and have lived in the area for 7 years before purchasing a house in the GHI community. I am a young professional, which means that I understand the issues that the next generation of GHI members are facing. As board member, I will work with you.

I live in Greenbelt for the same reasons as all of you; to form a tight-knit community,

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Development.

Code Enforcement

Regarding code enforcement, the city has two certified inspectors, Gilberto Cabrera and Anthony Crump, who have single-handedly performed these challenging duties throughout the pandemic. A third inspector is needed to best address the city’s many commercial and residential areas.

Hruby reported that the goal is to return to in-person inspections entirely; currently, due to Covid, a hybrid of in-person and windshield inspections is still the norm. The department is striving for a 20-percent inspection rate at multifamily units and large complexes like Franklin Park, with a much higher percentage at complexes with few units. Cabrera was praised by Hruby for his efforts to improve the inspection system and tracking software.

Several trash hotspots were

discussed, namely Franklin Park, Parkway Apartments and Greenway Shopping Center. Cabrera related that he has issued multiple citations, up to the \$500 range, to these areas and that they are monitored on a daily basis. Parkway Apartments was singled out especially for its ongoing issues, with code enforcement staff now in talks with the ownership and corporate office on how best to alleviate the problems.

These chronic areas introduced a debate on the efficacy of citations in general, as the problems persist in spite of them. Staff agreed that this is a serious concern and that it draws city resources away from other city needs. Cabrera suggested creating an abatement fund that could be used to deal with issues like a trash pickup when citations are not providing a timely solution.

Councilmember Ric Gordon

said that Franklin Park has introduced a 12 Point Action Plan, which he felt will go a long way toward dealing with trash proliferation and abandoned grocery carts (among other things) which were also cited by council as problems, as they are both theft and an eyesore.

Cabrera said that the removal of smoke detectors by tenants, often due to alarms sounding while cooking, is a primary violation and suggested education to the public on notifying maintenance when there are malfunctions.

Greenbelt Station

The WMATA trail at Greenbelt Station is the biggest project at the moment and is progressing. The cost has now risen to \$3 million, abetted by a rise in the cost of materials.

Staff has serious worries about how the possible relocation of the FBI to Greenbelt could lead to

relocating or removal of the trail. If this situation comes to pass, as per the city’s agreement with WMATA, the city could “arrange for the temporary and/or permanent relocation” if: the removal and/or relocation “can be accomplished at no cost to WMATA”; the city agrees in writing to bear the cost of relocating; the agreement is still in effect; and the city is not in default. If the latter happens, “WMATA shall have no obligation to retain or relocate” the trail.

The issue of the scrapyard adjacent to Greenbelt Station was considered, as it’s unsightly and has been a source of noise and a gathering place for loitering and littering. Hruby said that it is not for sale, but that the owners have made efforts to be better neighbors by addressing some of these problems. Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that every-

thing has its price and not to give up on the city possibly gaining ownership, as it is detrimental to the aesthetics of the development.

Other Issues

The Buddy Attick Park parking lot renovation has begun with some tree removal and will be underway for the next 60 days.

Staff is at work with the IT Department and the Public Information and Communications Coordinator Chondria Andrews to develop a manual that will address review, approval and installation of small cell towers within the city. Councilmember Judith Davis hoped for a worksession on this to bring the two new councilmembers up to speed, with Hruby suggesting that the city’s consultant can be present to address all of the technical aspects and help suggest ways to make their appearance as unobtrusive as possible.

Candidates for GHI Election

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to act as stewards of the environment, and dedicate our efforts to raising up our fellow man. I am dedicated to serving this co-op’s interests with new ideas to improve the community and make it not just a place to live, but a place to thrive. I will work to improve walkability in our neighborhood by making goods and services more accessible, thereby reducing our dependence on cars. I will work to improve the communications between the governing body of GHI and the members we serve. I will work to make this community THE community to raise our kids, to ensure that the next generation of leaders can rise up for their time to serve.

My name is James Whipple, and I will represent this community on its board of directors.

Audit Committee
1-Year Term
(All 3 positions up for election)

David Benack
2 Southway

My family moved to GHI from Silver Spring in summer 2019. We are so grateful for the neighborly community we have found here in Greenbelt, and we look forward to being here for a long time. I would like to continue to serve on the Audit Committee, and I am asking for your vote! I am currently a stay-at-home parent, with all the joys and challenges that entails. I am also a member of Greenbelt’s Ethics Commission. My most recent paid occupation was as a Program Manager for an educational nonprofit that provides professional and cultural exchange programs

to international visitors. I am confident that I can fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Audit Committee, should you choose to reelect me. Thank you for your consideration!

Grace Fisher
11 Hillside

My husband Tim, dog Dilly and I have lived in GHI for almost two years. We moved to an apartment in Greenbelt and fell in love with GHI while taking daily walks during the pandemic, so decided to move in. I love the community and its spirit and hope I can help sustain it.

I graduated from New College of Florida, a small liberal arts college, and went on to receive my Master’s in Social Work and Master’s in Business Administration at the University of Maryland. I currently work for a foundation in DC as a Grants Analyst and previously managed the day to day operations of a federal grant. This work requires me to ensure compliance and fiduciary responsibility.

I take seriously the importance of ensuring public/charitable dollars are used for good and would do the same if given the opportunity to serve on the Audit Committee.

Bill Jones
15 Ridge

Bill Jones is a retired math and computer science professor. He moved to GHI with his wife Ginny in 2004. He served on the GHI Board for ten years, 2011-2021, and he has served for 14 years on the GHI Finance Committee and Investment Committee. That means that he would bring a lot of historical knowledge to the Audit Committee, as well as his training in actuarial science. His primary interest is in helping maintain the

long-term financial stability of GHI, so future generations have the opportunity to live here.

He has been involved in many volunteer activities in Greenbelt, such as tutoring first graders in reading at Greenbelt Elementary, helping people fill out their income tax forms, and acting in plays at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Currently he is on the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Co-op Grocery and is the Membership Committee Chair for the New Deal Cafe.

Nominations & Elections Committee
1-Year Term
(All 5 positions up for election)

Dan Gillotte
10 Hillside

Dan Gillotte is a long time cooperator having first become a member of a food co-op in Maine in 1992. Dan has been the manager of food co-ops since 1998 and moved here (and became a member of GHI) spring 2020. Dan has served on numerous boards over the years including:

- National Co-op Grocers (as board chair for 3 years)
- Co-op Grocers Information Network (as president for 4 years)
- AHB Community School (as chair for one year)
- Austin Independent Business Alliance (for more than a decade as a founding member)

Dan has worked for boards for his whole adult life and understands the importance of board perpetuation for successful organizations. He loves living in this cooperative community of GHI

and Greenbelt and is happy to serve if elected on the small but mighty nominations committee.

Theresa R. Henderson
1 Court Laurel Hill

Theresa was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. She graduated from Duval High School in 1975, Frostburg State College in 1979 and Virginia Tech in 1982. She is currently employed by the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center as a support scientist/biochemist. She has been a resident of Greenbelt, in two different GHI homes, since 1983. She currently enjoys living on Laurel Hill Road with her husband Steve, daughter Maddy, 3 cats, one bird, and a few fish. She is presently serving her 9th term as a member of the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee. She volunteers at Greenbelt Community Church, Greenbelt Tennis Association, and the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area. She finds that serving on a GHI committee brings her closer to her neighborhood and hopes to continue this valuable work.

Tom Jones
1 Woodland

Tom has served on N&E for 8 years, including the past 7 years as chair. Tom grew up on Northway and has been a GHI member since 1997. (His grandparents moved to 11 Court Southway in May 1942.)

Tom has a Physics degree from New Mexico Tech and an MBA from Loyola University Maryland, and works as a Software Technical Program Manager at the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory

(CATT Lab) within the Civil Engineering department.

In 2010, Tom chaired the GHI Finance Report Subcommittee that drafted revisions to make each year’s report easier to understand. In 2011, he chaired the GHI website redesign committee resulting in the current ghi.coop site (soon to be replaced). He also served on the GHI Information Technology task force. In 2021 Tom and his wife Johanna proposed comprehensive GHI permit reform.

For other Greenbelt-founded cooperatives, Tom has served on the News Review Board of Directors since 2014. In prior years, he served on the New Deal Café Audit Committee for 5 years and the Rapidan Camps Board of Directors for 22 years, including 15 years as president.

Tom also manages the website and photography team for the Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race.

Joe Ralbovsky
62 Ridge
Joe is 70% water.

Luisa Robles
32 Ridge

I have lived in GHI since the spring of 2001 (21 years!).

I bumped into GHI while pursuing my PhD at UMD. I came to see a movie at the theater and fell in love with the Roosevelt Center, and the layout and walkability of GHI. I knew several people that studied at UMD and lived in Old Greenbelt. My degree was in environmental sciences and sustainable development and I am now the Sustainability Coordinator for the City. I have served on the Board of Directors and the Woodlands Committee for GHI, and on the Forest Preserve Advisory Board for the City.

A Review

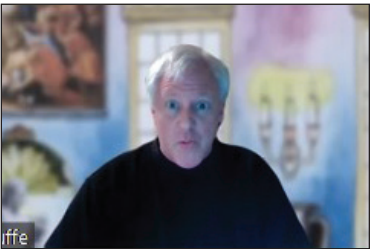
Tartuffe: Decidedly Relevant

by Wes Dennis

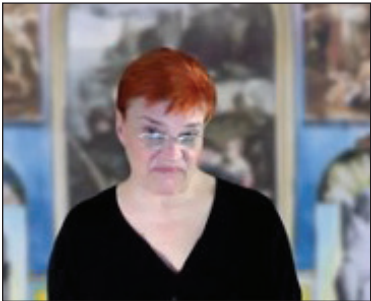
“Just how good can one man be!?” It’s a question you’ll ask yourself more than once during the first hour of the Goddard Space Flight Center’s Music and Drama Club (MAD) production of Molière’s *Tartuffe*. Not unlike a classic movie monster, the titular entity dominates the discourse of all characters depicted while remaining himself unseen: some effusively sing his praises; others bristle at his odious hypocrisy; still others bemoan the influence he commands and the regrettable consequences that follow in his wake. And when Director Randy Barth finally unveils the subject of so much gossip and consternation ... well. Like an attentive student at the close of an expertly-presented lecture, you will understand. (Or not.)

In the meantime (and even after the titular character’s reveal), you’ll find much more to hold your attention than just the question above. As a Zoom production, the show is what it is, but Barth’s direction – supported by Jon Gardner’s technical prowess – ensures that there are some fun innovations in the presentation: most notably, when characters eavesdrop on discussions from the edges of their Zoom windows. In addition, though the show makes use of Zoom backgrounds, scenery designer Millie Tansill deserves kudos for sufficiently varying these among actors to give the impression that the characters are indeed sharing the same space. The actors are mostly clad in unobtrusive black, all the better to convey the sort of people who would be taken in by a beggar who makes a show of renouncing pomp and splendor.

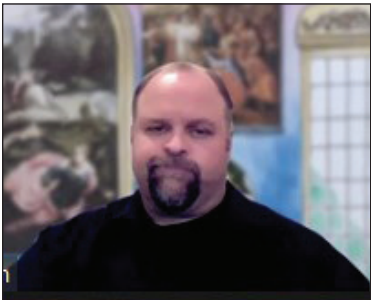
And then there are the performances themselves. Although Jeffrey D. Hoeper’s English translation of Molière’s 1600s’ French, which consists entirely of rhyming couplets, is occasionally a little clunky and overly modern, there are also a number of excellent passages for any era and still others where that modern phrasing works to the script’s benefit – yet none of those lines would work so swimmingly were they not buoyed by laudable performances. Every one of the show’s actors does delightful work with this challenging material, but Cathy Barth as a scheming maid with ears everywhere, Dave Buckingham as the family’s patriarch and *Tartuffe*’s biggest fan, and Bill Kellaher as the duplicitous *Tartuffe* merit special praise. In addition, as the show’s romantic pairing, Ashley Greeley and Sean Morton demonstrate impressive chemistry given the limitations of the medium.



Bill Kellaher plays Tartuffe.



Cathy Barth plays the maid.



Dave Buckingham as Orgon

- Screenshots courtesy
MAD Theater

With themes that remain decidedly relevant today – what with the play’s focus on an insufferable hypocrite who manages to thoroughly delude and defraud so many who fall under his spell – *Tartuffe* is worthwhile viewing and a welcome reminder of the dangers of placing one’s trust in charlatans. To that end, visit the MAD Theater website, madtheater.org, to see *Tartuffe* and form your own opinions. The live recording of *Tartuffe* runs roughly 2:30 hours with one 10-minute intermission. The show is free to watch, but donations to MAD are appreciated.



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“I’m excited about the timing of this program,” she said. “I think this is really an opportunity to take a look at how our resources are allocated and who does that let in the door, who does that leave out and to take a look at what’s happening and see if we can correct the imbalances so that the doors can be opened to more.”

NASA recognized the momentum of creating bridge programs into graduate schools as a tool to diversify STEM fields, Boyd said, and looked to replicate them.

NASA plans to partner with existing bridge programs at universities, as well as create new programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Universities and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Laura Vega, a recent alumna of the Fisk Vanderbilt Master’s to Ph.D. Bridge Program, learned about bridge programs at a conference for the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in the Sciences.

“They told me all about the resources, the funding, the community, the family-type experience I would get as a graduate student being in a bridge program,” Vega said.

After working on her undergraduate degree for about six-and-a-half years, Vega said she felt burnt out. The mentorship and resources available through bridge programs made working toward a Ph.D. more manageable for her, she said.

Vega, a Greenbelt resident, works with Boyd as a postdoctoral fellow with a joint appointment at the University of Maryland and Goddard.

“She’s always been understanding, and I’ve never felt uncomfortable around her, even if I didn’t have an update to give. She always starts the meetings with, ‘How’s it going?’ Nothing related to work, or nothing related to research. It’s just personable,” Vega said about Boyd.

Vega said that as a mentor, Boyd helped her network with other scientists and build connections in the industry. “She’ll always introduce me so people know who I am, and I think that’s really useful for budding

scientists,” Vega said.

One of Boyd’s goals is to increase the number of research proposals that are being submitted to NASA for funding at those institutions by building partnerships to lower barriers preventing faculty from proposing projects.

Boyd said organizers will also prioritize supporting students from “nontraditional pathways,” including community colleges and primarily undergraduate schools, where resources directed at students are not as plentiful as they are at research universities.

Dr. Elisa Quintana, a scientist in Goddard’s astrophysics division, started at a community college and said she struggled with self-consciousness when adjusting to larger, more competitive programs.

“It’s hard if you have a non-traditional background and you don’t have the opportunities, or maybe you do, but you don’t know they’re there. Then you automatically assume that you’re not as prepared or not as good as everybody and you kind of become your own worst enemy,” Quintana said.

Boyd is personally committed to developing mentorship in the project by intentionally selecting strong mentors from within the NASA workforce and ensuring that they have training and resources to manage challenging circumstances.

Half of Quintana’s group of postdoctoral researchers are from underrepresented populations, she said, because Boyd “seeded the development” of a diverse lab by going beyond her duties to personally elevate early career employees at NASA.

The American Institute of Physics TEAM-UP Project found a variety of factors that influence people of color in U.S. undergraduate physics tracks, including psychological safety, cultural issues and managing stereotypes. Boyd said she plans to utilize this research when training mentors.

“We’re going to make sure that our mentoring takes advantage of what’s already been done in the field. ... We’re going to make sure that they have access to resources ahead of time and continuously,” Boyd said.

As Boyd and her team continue to hold town hall meetings with stakeholders, the specific elements of the project will become more concrete, Boyd said. She is committed to ensuring that participants have financial and social support to succeed.

“The goal would be to diversify the NASA workforce and also to increase the level of inclusion that underrepresented folks feel when they are working in STEM,” Boyd said.

NASA said in its Equity Action Plan that it will fund the SMD Bridge Program with a budget of \$5 million in Fiscal Year 22 and \$7.5 million in Fiscal Year 23 with the goal to “create an environment where underserved communities are better equipped to partner with NASA.”

Boyd said she hopes that the bridge project’s goals for growth in project proposals and graduation rates, as well as financial accessibility, will be shared with the institutions they serve.

“I’m honestly really excited to see what comes out of this because we’ve seen a lot of students that have come to Goddard rise into successful next stages of their careers,” Quintana said. “Padi’s the perfect person to lead these new initiatives.”

Boxwood Village
Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by Thursday, June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net.

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On opening day in 2020, Farmers Market President Terry Kucera, in full protective gear, makes the best out of taping up the market.

Market Match is back with a vengeance. Previous matches for SNAP (the USDA’s program to support food security, once called food stamps) were limited to \$10. This year, however, the Maryland Market Money program will match market spending dollar for dollar with no upper limit. A SNAP patron purchasing \$40 of eligible market goods gets an additional \$40 to spend on qualified market items.

This year brings back familiar faces and some new ones. Those who know highly-organized Nelson (who oversaw the very ship-shape Pleitez operation) will find him back leading Fajardo’s Produce Farm, his own new veggie venture. With 31 vendors (some weekly, some every-other-week and some monthly), each week’s lineup offers wide variety. With King Mushrooms, Pop-up Patisserie and Elk Run Vineyards, one could even fantasize having been transported to Paris. Vendor schedules and offerings are described on the market website at Greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

All vendors are local producers and either grow or make their products. Sales are limited to consumables – used in or on the body, like food and soap. Vendors must be based within Maryland or otherwise within 100 miles of Greenbelt – allowing products from areas in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia, though some hail from much closer to home.

New this year (after a successful debut at the Holiday Market last year) is Strib’ble Treats, the sweet-tooth brainchild of local Greenbelt resident and activist LaWann Stribling. Greenbelt is also the base for newbie vendor Night Owl Vegan, producer of organic plant-based meals. Nearby College Park market veterans Roy & RT’s Kitchen & Garden return with their delicious specialties from Indonesia. New to the market this year and from not too far away are Little Boy Bakery from ElkrIDGE and Surin Aromas of Laurel with aromatherapy-related products.

Many other long-familiar faces are also returning. Barnola, Ferguson Family Farm, Glade Link Farms, Jack Creek Plants, Patrick Hochmuth Farm, El Piquin, Simple Pleasures Ice, Martha’s Jams, Mystic Water Soap, Shlagel Farms, Stone Hearth Bakery, Three Springs Fruit Farm, Woodland Harvest Farm, Two Oceans/Carriage House Farms and Zeke’s Coffee are back; some were at the first market in 2008. Relative newcomers returning are Metro Microgreens, Jubilee Farms Fermentations, Mel’s Munchies, St.

Michael’s Oysters and Tag Team Kitchen.

Market stall spacing is back to normal, but locations in the market may have changed to satisfy permit requirements. Anybody seeking an old favorite can ask for help from Market Master Frances Ippoliti – back for her fourth year at the helm. Ippoliti keeps a watchful eye on the market and its vendors, while welcoming visitors with grace and warmth. One reason vendors give for returning to Greenbelt year after year is the quality of the market’s organization, with Ippoliti serving as its on-site and visible presence.

This is the third market of the pandemic. 2020 was marked by the uncertainties of the first few months of Covid-19 and saw a very spaced-out layout enveloped in tape, orange fencing and with restrictions on entry and occupancy. Last year was less restrictive and this year the county eased restrictions on eating and drinking at the market so visitors will be able to enjoy their treats on the spot. Many vendors will still be using contactless payment methods but the wearing of masks is by individual preference.

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charging stations. Skolnik said that he believed that market pressure will be the deciding factor in installing chargers for hotels.

The majority of council was in agreement on the necessity of this overall proposal. If approved, the city would have to decide on whether to use a private firm like EV Institute or Charge Point to do the work, or to do much of the construction in-house, such as using city electricians to install the power systems and separately purchased chargers.

The city’s charging stations at Schrom Hills Park and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center are the sole property of Pepco, which was represented at the meeting. Pepco is only authorized by the State Public Service Commission to install stations in public places, but plans on transitioning to commercial and residential once approved. Pepco is aware that Greenbelt would like more stations and is eager to make that happen, yet any such work will have to wait until an equitable number of stations are installed in Montgomery County as well (Prince George’s County currently has more), which is the other recipient in Pepco’s current plan.

Pepco has a rebate plan for building owners interested in placing chargers, offering an assessment of the available power source and a sizeable decrease in the price of installation.

Green ACES recommended that the city provide electricity free of charge at future stations; at the very least for staff or residents. They said that the cost to the city’s budget would be slight and that the installation of third-party payment technology adds significantly to their overall cost. Green ACES reported that there is little misuse of a free system in neighboring jurisdictions like Hyattsville.

Councilmember Judith Davis, while accepting free usage for staff, countered that there might be pushback from the community concerning free charging for residents, saying that some may feel that if one has the financial means to purchase an EV, then paying for their charging should not be an added service.

Regarding the charging station at the Municipal Building, Green ACES recommended either negotiating a lower charging cost with the owner, EV Institute, or removing it totally, as it has seen little to no use.

Green ACES is keen to start

doing outreach to the community, through townhall meetings and webinars, to educate residents of the many advantages of using EVs. Council supported this effort and was willing to apply city funds if needed.

While the city cannot mandate the proliferation of charging stations to residential and commercial entities, it can strongly advocate for it, citing its ability to attract residents and more businesses to Greenbelt.

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was motivated to maintain quiet surroundings.

After walking through council’s letter citing the conditions for its support of the Luminis application, with some changes to emphasize the preservation of trees and some consultation

with Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby, the city voted to approve the draft-proposed conditions, contingent on final wording by Hruby’s department.

Other topics from this meeting will be covered in a separate story.



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Small garter snake



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A turtle convention at the Lake on April 24



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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from April 25 through May 1. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Assault
On April 29 at 4:44 p.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, a juvenile was assaulted by other juveniles.

Shooting
On April 29 at 6:17 p.m. near Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Drive, officers located shell casings. No victims were located and there was no evidence of property damage.

Break-ins
On April 30 at 11:03 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, personal property was taken from a residence, and on May 1 at 11:00 a.m. near 7200 Morrison Drive, someone broke in but nothing was taken.

Fraud
On April 25 on Ridge Road, unemployment fraud; on April 25 near Woodland Way, online dating fraud; on April 25 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, identity theft; on April 27 on Ridge Road, check fraud; on April 30 near 6600 Lake Park Drive, identity theft.

Missing Person
On April 29 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a juvenile reported missing was later located.

Stolen Vehicle
On April 26 at 11:09 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, unauthorized use of vehicle was reported.

DUI
DUI arrests were made May 1 at 3:55 a.m. on Southway, and April 28 at 6:24 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive.

Theft from Auto
Airbags were reported stolen

from multiple Hondas on April 27: at 6:22 a.m. near 200 Lastner Lane from a 2017 Civic; at 7:02 a.m. near 100 Periwinkle Court from a 2017 Civic; at 7:07 a.m. on Research Road from a 2017 Civic and a 2015 Accord; at 9:44 a.m. near 100 Lastner Lane from a 2017 Civic and a 2017 Accord; and at 11:06 a.m. on Ridge Road from a 2013 Civic. On April 25 at 8:07 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a driver-side window was broken and handicap placard stolen. On April 27 at 6:40 a.m. on Ridge Road, all four tires and rims were stolen, along with personal property. On April 28 at 10:17 a.m. on Hillside Road, personal property was taken from a vehicle without damage to the vehicle. On May 1 at 2:39 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, front and rear tags were stolen. On April 28 at 7:31 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, the front passenger window was broken, but nothing was taken.

Theft
May 1 at 5 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a man was detained after shoplifting and was taken to Upper Marlboro Department of Corrections due to open warrants.

Vandalism to Residences
April 25 at 4:57 p.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, balcony door shattered. April 26 at 6:20 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, window broken. April 30 at 9:24 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, window broken.

Man Hospitalized, Stable, After May 2 Police Shooting

According to police accounts, on Monday, May 2, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Greenbelt Police Department received a report of a suicidal person on Plateau Place. Police spokesperson Hannah Glasgow confirmed that the injured person is the suicidal individual.

A preliminary investigation into the incident revealed that as officers approached the residence and made contact, they observed a person holding a knife with an approximately 6-inch blade and gave him multiple commands to drop the knife. The individual then rapidly exited the residence toward the officers and raised the weapon. At that time, both officers discharged their weapons, wounding him. He was transported to the hospital where he

was reported to be in stable, non-critical condition.

At the request of Greenbelt Police Department, the Prince George's County Police Department's Homicide Unit responded to the scene and is conducting an investigation into the subject's actions, while the Greenbelt Police Department is investigating the actions of the officers. Both investigations remain active and ongoing.

The two officers involved are both male, one has a hire date of August 7, 2014, the other a hire date of February 24, 2021.

The Maryland Attorney General's Office Independent Investigations Unit was contacted and declined the case based on the nature of the subject's injuries.

Police Honor Marcia Brown, Carl Roberson for 2021 Work

Greenbelt Police Department selected Marcia Brown as the 2021 Professional Staff Member of the Year because of her outstanding work in coordinating all of the technology and data of the police department.

Master Patrol Officer Carl Roberson was chosen as the 2021 Officer of the Year. MPO Rober-

son is a 4½-year veteran of the Greenbelt Police Department and a 2-year member of the department's Criminal Investigations Unit. He has actively investigated all types of crimes ranging from frauds and thefts to robberies and homicides, and also helps with training.



Marcia Brown, right, poses with Chief Richard Bowers.

- Photos by Greenbelt Police Department



Master Patrol Officer Carl Roberson, left, with Chief Richard Bowers

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Suspects Found in Bed When Owners Return

by Haley Kerby



Police are asking for information about these people.



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According to a Greenbelt police report, residents of the 9300 block of Edmonston Road came home on April 5 to find their front door damaged and the apartment completely empty. The residents then found two suspects, a Black male adult and a White female adult, lying on a bed, the only piece of furniture left in their home.

The residents had left the fully furnished apartment on March 28 for a vacation. Upon their return, they found the living room had been completely cleared out except for a few black trash bags filled with miscellaneous items and also reportedly found trash on the walls.


The kitchen, second bedroom

and closets were found completely empty as well. Even kitchen cabinet doors were missing.

When the victims confronted the suspects, they became aggressive before fleeing on foot in an unknown direction. The residents lost approximately \$49,100 worth of property. Both victims noted they did not know the two suspects.

A May 3 update from Greenbelt Police stated that the individuals have been identified and the investigation is ongoing. The police request that anyone with information regarding this incident or the individuals pictured contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 or greenbeltmd@greenbeltmd.gov.

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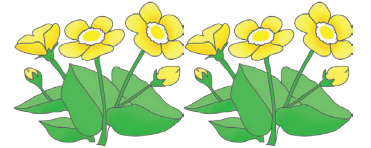
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A new economic development coordinator is expected to be hired in the next three weeks, with many résumés having come in. At present, Acting Assistant City Manager Debi Sandlin holds this position and will assist in the transition.

At the meeting, Liggins and Acting City Manager Timothy George shared highlights of the budgetary needs for economic development in the next fiscal year. There was a discussion concerning the city’s revolving business fund, which Davis said was in need of reinvention. George said that the current level is \$150,000, but both he and Liggins felt that \$750,000 would be a more realistic amount to really make a significant difference. George stressed that a single loan could be \$150,000, requiring five to 10 years to regenerate itself. This would be part of a more proactive and aggressive business retention and expansion program.

Mayor Emmett Jordan expressed that he was “passionate that the city sustains its vital economy” which is highly “diverse for a city this size.” He felt that business in general is in a period of evolution, and will need an entirely new viewpoint and strategy if the city is to move forward.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that \$750,000 is an unrealistic and prohibitive amount to aim for, asking where such monies will come from and the probable burden it will put on taxpayers. Roberts felt that a city of this size should not be providing business aid of this level, that “business should fund itself.” He said that the pandemic has seen many opportunities and new businesses come to the city and that Greenbelt’s ideal location will make it attractive to business in the future.

Jordan and Councilmember Ric Gordon felt that some small businesses really need a boost in order to weather challenges and

that making wise investments, including into infrastructure, will benefit the city in the long run.

Councilmember Colin Byrd stressed that while retention of existing businesses is vital, more resources should be channeled into assisting new businesses and entrepreneurs.

Office vacancies have dropped from 17.5 percent to 12 percent, which Liggins explained was perhaps due to factors like the desire for many to work in areas close to home. Jordan was apprehensive as to what will happen when the current rental leases expire and if the trend will worsen. Liggins said that businesses, even those on a hybrid schedule, still need spaces and that she anticipated seeing a new approach as to how that space is used.

The Granite Building was cited as a successful model for an incubator for small business, having been lauded outside of Greenbelt.

In a separate interview, Liggins shared that she will be joining the World Trade Center Institute in Baltimore where she will oversee a fellows program for global executives.


Regarding her time in Greenbelt, Liggins found it “a tremendously impactful experience,” and was “most proud of the work we did collectively (council, city manager and dedicated volunteers) to help businesses impacted by the pandemic.”

She said that the work of economic development is ongoing, and looks “forward to seeing council work with the next economic development coordinator and the city manager to focus on developing a strategic plan and coalescing around key economic development priorities,” that will “position the city for long term growth and sustainability.”

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the medication are now more plentiful than when it was first released in December 2021, the federal government is encouraging medical professionals to prescribe it for any high-risk patients with Covid, instead of limiting it to their highest-risk patients. Clinical evidence so far indicates Paxlovid reduces hospitalizations of Covid patients by over 90 percent, and is very effective at preventing severe disease, according to White House Covid-19 Response Coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha.

Demmy’s and other local pharmacies are stocked with these medications. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services maintains the website covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com showing pharmacies and other sites with these medications. Users can browse its map to find which sites have which medications, and how much they have on hand. It shows multiple locations in and near Greenbelt with supply on hand. For those wondering if the information is current, Demmy’s owner Adeolu Odewale confirmed that it correctly reports his supply.

The website also includes other medications for high-risk persons with Covid, such as injection/IV Bebtelovimab monoclonal antibodies and Evusheld (injection), for “preventing Covid infections in immunocompromised people [12 and older] who cannot be vaccinated,” according to the FDA Fact Sheet.

The oral Paxlovid and Molnupiravir treatments both consist of taking several tablets twice a day for five days, and must begin within five days of the first symptoms. They are for persons with increased age or high-risk conditions. Paxlovid is recom-

mended for those 12 and older, and Molnupiravir for those 18 and older. Both medications have Emergency Use Authorizations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Patients should consult medical professionals for what is most appropriate for them.

Obtaining these medications requires a prescription from a physician, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant or urgent care clinic. Many urgent care clinics are one-stop shops for a Covid test, the prescription and the medication, but may require a facility charge for the prescriber. Once you have a prescription, obtaining the medication is free.

When asked what Greenbelters should know about Paxlovid, Odewale answered, “It is readily accessible here ... [and] available as soon as you have a prescription.” He reinforced that Covid medications are free and noted that Demmy’s delivers.

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Golden Age Club and Others Join in Annual CROP Walk

by Robin Olson.



The Golden Age Club gathers at Schrom Hills Park on Wednesday, April 27.

On Wednesday, April 27, 20 members of the Golden Age Club braved the wind and had a lovely time walking at Schrom Hills Park in support of the annual CROP Walk for hunger relief worldwide. The Golden Age Club raised \$210 to fight hunger. Of the donation, 25 percent will go to Help By Phone of Prince George’s County and the rest to Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical charity that has fought hunger and promoted small development projects in poor world areas, including in the U.S., since World War II. Part of the total for CWS will be going to Moldova to help refugees from Ukraine.

The Golden Age CROP Walkers were Judy Parker, Marti Galvin, Joyce Bailey and Lyn Doyle. Many thanks to them, to Becky Sutfin for the party food and favors, and to Robin Olson for the extra publicity.



Bob and Mary Ann Baker flank Rebekah Sutfin, therapeutic recreation supervisor (senior and inclusion programs).



Some members of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC, were among the participants of the CROP Hunger Walk on its official day of Sunday, May 1. From left, Greenbelters Stacy Hindalong, Ellen Lee, Gil Lee and dog friends prepare for the CROP Walk.



Members of Greenbelt Community Church gather next to Wells Ice Rink before the CROP Walk on Sunday, May 1.

Spring Planting: Hope for Food and Planet Survival

by Joe Robbins

On Sunday, April 24 at the Community Center’s Three Sisters demonstration garden, the local environmental organization CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, chears.org) led a workshop on learning to plant, grow and eat healthy plant-based foods that are more sustainable and have a low impact on the environment. After an introduction to the CHEARS

theme for 2022, participants got their hands into the soil by planting seeds, plant starts and flowers throughout the garden. Afterward, everyone stayed for a healthy food potluck. For more information or to volunteer at the Three Sisters garden, contact the Center garden’s volunteer coordinator Joe Robbins at robbins629@gmail.com.



Maggie Cahalan, CHEARS co-founder, introduces the 2022 theme to participants.

- Photos by Joe Robbins



CHEARS workshop participants work in the garden.



Dogwood



Mother Mallard duck and eight ducklings swim on a pond in Greenbelt East.

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